

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JUNE 9, 2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Martin, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of May 12, 2003 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to approve the minutes of May 13, 2003, a Special Meeting, as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Quentin Kessell, 97 Codfish Falls Road, a member of the Conservation Commission, supports the purchase of the Mullane property with Joshua's Trust.

Mr. Hill Bullard, President of Joshua's Trust, requested the Council to be supportive of the partnership with Joshua's Trust, to purchase the Mullane property. He read a letter regarding this proposal.

Mr. Jim Morrow, speaking for the Open Space Committee, enthusiastically endorses the partnership with Joshua's Trust in the purchase of the Mullane property.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to move item #11 up on the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS Item #11 Open Space Acquisition-Mullane Property.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to schedule a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on June 23, 2003, to solicit public comment regarding the town's contribution of \$10,000 towards the purchase of the 17-acre Mullane property.

So passed unanimously.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Town Acceptance of Quail Run Road, Vinton Woods Subdivision

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to accept Quail Run road as part of the Town of Mansfield road system, contingent upon the developer's compliance with all necessary regulatory requirements.

So passed unanimously.

##### 2. Appointment of Member to Regional School District #19 Board of Education

Information only, no action taken.

##### 3. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

Town Manager reminded the Council that there would be a Technical Review Committee Meeting on June 25.

##### 4. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2003.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to accept effective June 9, 2003, the financial statements dated March 31, 2003 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### 5. Plan of Conservation and Development Update

Town Planner, Mr. Greg Padick, made a brief presentation concerning the plan of conservation and development update and discussed the potential revisions to the plan. There will be a public hearing on June 16, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. These revisions are an update of the Town's 1993 of Conservation and Development. The General goal was to retain the 1993 goals with modifications that incorporate more specific references to preserving water resources/important water supply watersheds, undeveloped hilltops/ridge lines and important agricultural areas and interior forest areas. The Town Council will be receiving a copy of the study, Lands of Unique Value, when it is completed in July. Councilperson, Mr. Rosen asked if the University and Town could possibly form a joint review committee to discuss matters before the public and urged a real cooperation between the two groups.

##### 6. Proposed AT &T Telecommunications Towers

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to, effective June 9, 2003, to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse comments prepared by the Planning and Zoning Commission for submission to the Connecticut Siting Council concerning proposed AT &T telecommunication tower sites in the vicinity of the Four Corners area in

Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

7. Youth Services Bureau Grant Application to State Department of Education

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, be authorized to submit an application to the Connecticut Department of education for the operation of the Mansfield Youth Services Bureau for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

8. Property Tax Suspense List

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective June 9, 2003 to transfer \$40, 802.49 in outstanding property taxes to the Mansfield Property Tax List, as recommended by the Collector of Revenue.

So passed unanimously.

9. Personal Service Agreement-Day Care Support at Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, effective June 9, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute a personal service agreement between the town and the University of Connecticut to provide day care services at the Mansfield Discovery Depot for the children of university employees and students.

So passed unanimously.

10. Refuse Disposal Contract Renewal

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the MRRA.

So passed unanimously

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to authorize the Town Manager to execute a five-year renewal agreement effective July 1, 2003 with the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRRA) for the use of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority's (SCRRA) Preston facility for refuse disposal services.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn as the MRRA and reconvene as the Mansfield Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

#### 11. Open Space Acquisition-Mullane Property

Previously voted upon.

#### 12. Proclamation Designating Reunion Day for Edwin O. Smith Graduating Classes of 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Holinko seconded that effective June 9, 2003, to authorize the Mayor to issue the proposed proclamation designating June 21, 2003 as "Reunion Day for Edwin O. Smith Graduating Classes of 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980" in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

#### 13. Citizen Recognition

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to authorize the Mayor to present a Proclamation to a resident for their service to the Community.

So passed unanimously.

#### 14. Fiscal Year 2003/04 Mill Rate

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adopt the following resolution: Be it resolved that the tax rate for the Town of Mansfield for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 be set at 29.94 mills, and the Collector of Revenue be authorized and directed to prepare and mail to each taxpayer tax bills in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, as amended and such taxes shall be due and payable July 1, 2003.

Motion so passed. Mr. Martin and Mr. Holinko voted against this motion.

#### 15. Municipal Local Option Tax Exemptions

Information only, no action taken.

#### 16. Purchase of Fitness and Aquatics Equipment for Mansfield Community Center

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Rosen seconded that effective June 9, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to expend the \$150,000 budgeted in the fiscal year 2002/03 Capital Projects Budget for the purchase of fitness and aquatic equipment for the Mansfield Community Center.

So passed unanimously.

17.An Act Concerning Water Quality and the University of Connecticut

No action taken.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Rosen, Personnel Committee, requested that the Council members return to him the evaluation of the Town Manager.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hawkins handed out an article on Campus Fire Safety.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager introduced Andy White who is the new Management Assistant in the Town Manager's office.

Town Manager announced that the University has announced the selection for the new architect for the Fine Arts Building. This design does compliment the plans for the Downtown Partnership.

A grant of \$90,000 has been awarded by US Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, which is going to the plans of the Downtown Partnership.

The Partnership will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at the Greek Center on Dog Lane.

The Town-Gown will hold a meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. on June 12, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

The 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration has held two very successful events. The Arts committee and the Recreation Department, Jay O'Keefe, staff, sponsored a program on the Arts at Holiday Hill. The Mansfield Senior Chorus and Chamber Players under the direction of Nancy Tomastik and Gwen Duff presented a musical program at the Mansfield Middle School. The 300<sup>th</sup> song, written and composed by Nancy Tomastik was presented for the first time. A lovely reception sponsored by the Senior Center was held after the Performance.

The Mayor reported that the opening of the Historical Society was held on June 1, 2003. The exhibits are excellent on the Civil War.

NECASA has informed the Town Manager that the town will not receiving a Drug

Abuse study grant.

The Town Manager has inquired about the McDaniels property, and at present the land is not up for sale.

The town has set the specifications for a fire truck, and the Manager thanked Jeff Smith, John Jackman, Dave Dagon and the fire department for all their work on this project.

The Mansfield Community Center will be finished at the end of August, however the track and gym will not be completed until the end of September. The Grand Opening should be in October.

Mayor handed a letter of correspondence to the Committee on Committees Chairman Mr. Greg Haddad, to pursue regarding a Grandmother's Circle Gathering.

The Town Clerk, Joan Gerdson, read a letter of resignation from Mr. William Rosen. He will be leaving the area in August. With regret the Council accepted his resignation.

Mrs. Audrey Barberet was presented a state award with her work on the League of Women. Mayor will send a letter of congratulations.

#### XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Bellm requested that the Health Director report on the well testing in Town at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Hawkins would like to know more about underage drinking, spring weekend and the report of the Task Force on Substance Abuse from the University. Is there a possible ordinance regarding this issue?

Request: Police coverage in town.

Request: Are there were any schools or children that come under the title "At Risk?"

#### XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

18. "Discover your new Mansfield Community Center"

19. "League of Women Voters 2003 Susan B. Anthony Award presented to Audrey Barberet of Mansfield"

20. M. Hart re: Bergin C.I. Community Notification System

21. L. Hultgren re: "Disposal of Hazardous Waste from Small Business/Institution Generators"

22. Office of Policy and Management re: Comprehensive Approach to Combating

Underage Drinking Program

23. L. Schilling re: Stadium Road Detention Basin-Storm Water Sampling Report

24. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities re: Analysis-in-Brief of General Assembly's Approved State Budget

25. Commission on Accreditation for Law enforcement Agencies re: Accreditation of Agencies in Connecticut

26. Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. Awards \$90,000 through Partnership Program

27. "Simmons Announces Grants for Eastern Connecticut"

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. Personnel

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:24 p.m. Mr. Martin moved to adjourn and Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk